



Norman George Wiemken

September 2, 1944 - November 29, 2025

Norman George Wiemken, 81, of Defiance, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his residence on Saturday, November 29, 2025. He was born on September 2, 1944, to the late Antone and Wilhelmina (Lienau) Wiemken, in Napoleon, Ohio. On April 29, 1967, he married Kathleen Behnfeldt at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona and spent a loving 58 years together.

Norm was a faithful member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Okolona and was involved in various activities and positions. He was part of the dart ball, softball, and bowling teams, as well as past president, janitor, cemetery committee and many other roles over the years for the church. Norm proudly served his country in the United States Army, and was a member of the Ridgeville American Legion, Post 454, where he served as Commander. He worked as a project superintendent for Mel Lanzer Company in Napoleon for most of his career. Norm was an avid fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Indians, and Cleveland Browns. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren and supporting them during their many sporting events. Norm was a 1962 graduate of Jewell High School, but in his later years, he also was a Northeastern Local/Tinora school board member. In his free time, Norm enjoyed solitaire, as well as playing a good game of cards with anyone who was willing to play.

Norman is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen; children, Tony (AnnaLisa)

Wiemken, Jeffrey (Patricia) Wiemken, Eric (Nikki) Wiemken; grandchildren, Lily, Courtney, Isaac, and Haley Wiemken, Brett (Eadyn Miller) Wiemken, Audrey (Andrew) Caster, and Brock Wiemken, Ellie, Abby and Evie Wiemken; one great grandson on the way, due in February; brother, Henry (Rose Marie) Wiemken; as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Norm is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Brittany Wiemken; and siblings, Dorothy Gerken, Fred Wiemken, Edward Wiemken, Louisa Blue, and Elmina Backhaus.

Funeral services for Norm will be held on Friday, December 5, 2025, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, at 11am. Friends and family will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Thursday, December 4, from 3pm-8pm, as well as from 10am until the time of services on Friday at the church. Interment will follow immediately after the service at the church cemetery, where military honors will be accorded by Ridgeville Legion, Post 454. In lieu of flowers, memorials may directed towards Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sufficient Grace Ministries, and Interim Healthcare and Hospice of Lima. Online condolences may also be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Funeral will be live streamed at: [@bethlehemplutheranokolona8615](http://www.youtube.com)

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Okolona

30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - December 11, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Norm's death. He was such a great guy, always a smile and kind word. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sue & Todd Mavis (Ray & Harriet Schroeder's) daughter and husband.

Sue Mavis - December 06, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ Your housewives girls <3 purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Norman George Wiemken.



Your housewives girls <3 - December 05, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Norman George Wiemken.



December 03, 2025 at 01:47 PM

KL

“ I am sending my sincere sympathy to the whole family. Norm was always friendly and a caring person

Kathleen Lieb - December 02, 2025 at 11:09 PM

TO

“ The Beaver Excavating Company - NW Ohio purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Norman George Wiemken.



The Beaver Excavating Company - NW Ohio - December 02, 2025 at 01:31 PM

“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one. Service brings rewards as well. There is pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America. That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

Major General Mark W. Lee, United States Army

CP

“ Kathleen and family - I am sorry for your loss and send my sympathy. May you feel God's peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

Cathy Price - December 02, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norman George Wiemken.



December 01, 2025 at 04:21 PM

JT

“ The Twymans, GreenLine Foods and all its employees would like to share our great memories of working with Norm and the respect we have for his skill and dedication to every project undertaken.

jeff Twyman - December 01, 2025 at 03:58 PM

MI

“ Miller Bros. Const. Inc., planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman George Wiemken.

Miller Bros. Const. Inc., - December 01, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Norman George Wiemken.



December 01, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family. Norm now rests in the arms of our Lord and is reunited with the whole family <3

Kelly Wiemken Copeland - December 01, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman George Wiemken.



December 01, 2025 at 08:10 AM



“ Duke & Devon Clevenger purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Norman George Wiemken.



Duke & Devon Clevenger - November 30, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the family. May he Rest In Peace.

John and Judy Hoschak - November 30, 2025 at 06:28 PM